News Captioned "Of Spiralling Costs and Broken Hopes"

3374. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Of spiralling costs and broken hopes" appearing in the Economic Times dated May 12, 1991 ;

(b) if so, whether the said report is about the woes of members of housing societies ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government against unscrupulous management committees of the said housing societies and contractors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report covers the alleged mismanagement in the construction of flats by the Delhi Watch Dealers Cooperative Group Housing Society.

(c) On receipt of complaint, an inquiry under section 55 of Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 was ordered by Registrar of Cooperative Societies to enquire into the financial condition of the society. As per the inquiry report irregularities have come to notice in the matter of award of contract. Further Inquiry under section 59 of Delhi Cooperative Societies Act to fix responsibility on the persons involved in financial irregularities is being initiated in order to make good the loss caused to the society.

Scientific Projects Sanctioned by Indian Botanical Garden

3375. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of ENVI RONMENT AND FORESTS be plea sed to state :

(a) the scientific projects sanctioned for Indian Botanical Garden during Sixth and Seventh Plan period ;

(b) the future plan and programme for the expansion of Botanical Survey of India;

(c) whether there is a proposal to set up National Botanical Gardens at Delhi and Karnal ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The scientific projects sanctioned for Indian Botanic Garden are :—

(I) *During 6th Plan period*

(i) Revision of tribes of the plant families *Arecaceae, Rubiaceae, Caryophyllaceae, Liliaceae* for the Flora of India Project.

(ii) Survey and documentation of the horticultural trees and shrubs growing in the Calcutta Metropolies.

(iii) Introduction and enrichment of the germplasm collections of water lilies, palms, jasmines and bamboos.

(iv) Preparation of the directory of the Botanic Gardens and parks in India and also the history of development of Gardens in India.

(II) *For 7th Five Year Plan*

(i) Enlisting of the live collection in the Botanic Gardens in India.

(ii) Inventorisation of the cultivated plants in India for the Manual of cultivated plants in India.

(iii) Revision of some plant tribes of the family *Arecaceae* for the Flora of India Project.

(iv) Captive breeding of plants.

(b) Based on a comprehensive review, the functions, organisation and programmes of the Botanical Survey of India have been streamlined and targets spelt out for the realisation of its objectives in a time-frame spanning upto 2000 AD.

(c) and (d) The Haryana Urban Development Authority is considering a proposal to set up a Botanical Garden cum Ficus Research Centre at Karnal. There is no other proposal for setting up a national botanical garden in Delhi or Karnal.

[*Translation*]

Sale/Purchase of DDA Flats by Property Dealers

3376. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints regarding sale and purchase of DDA flats by some property dealers have been received by the Delhi Development Authority ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by DDA ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 5 complaints were received regarding illegal sale and purchase of flats. In 3 cases show cause notices for cancellation of allotment have been issued, one case is sub-judice and in the remaining one the allegations were found to be unsubstantiated by Anti-Corruption Branch, Delhi Administration.

(c) Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Assistance to Physically Handicapped

3377. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to SQ. No. 194 on July 29, 1991 and state :

(a) the number of disabled persons assisted during 1990-91 and per-capita expenditure on assistance for purchase/treatment of aids/appliances;

(b) the number of scholarships granted to disabled persons during 1990-91 and the institutions where these students are placed ;

(c) the number of NGOs assisted by the Government during 1990-91, the total assistance during the year as well as names of such organisations in Bihar and assistance received by them during the year ; and